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## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### **PSC APPOINTS THREE TO RELAY MISSOURI ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has appointed **Ms. Sonia Torres of Kansas City, Ms. Leslie A. Turner of Springfield, and Mr. Harold Hankins of Lee's Summit** to fill vacant seats on the Relay Missouri Advisory Committee. The Committee assists the Missouri Public Service Commission in its administration of the Relay Missouri program.

Representatives from the Office of the Public Counsel, the PSC Staff, the Missouri Community for the Deaf, the Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association, Sprint (the contractor of the Relay Missouri service) and the general public make up the Relay Missouri Advisory Committee.

Ms. Torres is a sign language instructor at Maple Woods Community College in the Kansas City area. A retired printer, Mr. Hankins is past president of the Greater Kansas City Association of the Deaf. Ms. Turner is currently a vocational counselor for the deaf and hard-of-hearing in Springfield.

Established by a law passed by the Missouri General Assembly in 1990, Relay Missouri provides telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech disabled. Specially trained communication assistants translate calls so that deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech disabled individuals can communicate with any other party.